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**STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following is a summary of the substance of telephone interviews Applicant's U.S. counsel held with the Examiner of the present application on May 30, 2006 and June 5, 2006.

In the Advisory Action dated May 22, 2006, the Examiner asserted that the after-Final Response Applicant filed on April 12, 2006 does not place the application in condition for allowance.

On May 30, 2006, Applicant's U.S. counsel held an interview with the Examiner to discuss the Advisory Action. During the interview, Applicant's U.S. counsel argued that the reasoning the Examiner set forth in the Advisory Action for asserting that Applicant's after-Final Response does not place the application in condition for allowance constitute new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, Applicant's U.S. counsel requested that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the Office Action dated February 14, 2006 and issue a new Office Action if he refused to allow the application. The

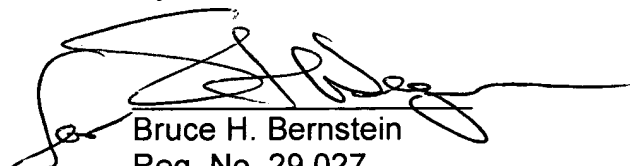
Examiner indicated that he would discuss this matter with his supervisor.

On June 5, 2006, Applicant's U.S. counsel held a second interview with the Examiner. During this interview, the Examiner indicated that he had discussed the Advisory Action with his supervisor, and agreed to withdraw the finality of the Office Action dated February 14, 2006 and issue a new Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicant is currently awaiting receipt of the new Office Action, which Applicant respectfully submits should restart the period for response.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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